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SUBJECT: ROKG PLANS TO SUPPORT KOSOVO'S IMF AND WORLD BANK
MEMBERSHIP BID

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Classified By: Economic Minister Counselor Andrew Quinn.
Reason: 1.4(B) and (D).

11. (C) Dep Econ Couns on April 8 discussed ROKG support for Kosovo's IMF and World Bank membership bids with Lee Kang-ho, Ministry of Strategy and Finance Director for International Financial Institutions, and Seo Sang-pyo, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Director for Economic Organizations. Neither had yet heard from ROKG personnel in Washington about the issue but both agreed that the ROKG would likely support Kosovo's bids because it would be consistent with the recognition that the ROKG had extended to Kosovo.

12. (C) Dep Econ Couns followed up on April 14. Both Lee and Seo confirmed that the government whad determined to support Kosovo's membership bids and was in the process of adopting a formal decision toward that end. Lee noted that the IMF had requested that votes be submitted by May 5.

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